



Photo courtesy of Qualheim's True Value

Qualheim's True Value donates 15 gallons of paint to Kinship of Tomahawk

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Kinship of Tomahawk will refresh its learning environment this summer after being selected as the winner of a grant.

Qualheim's True Value of Tomahawk announced on Tuesday, June 20 that it had awarded Kinship with 15 gallons of high-quality EasyCare paint, which will go towards giving the facility on E. Wisconsin Ave. a makeover.

"The more than 50 youth will enjoy learning in the newly-painted facility," a release from Qualheim's stated.

The grant is part of the True Value Foundation's

Painting a Brighter Future program, which Qualheim's said helps improve learning environments and can have an impact on youth attitudes and performance.

More than 2,300 schools and youth-development focused organizations across the country have been awarded paint since the program's inception in 2009, covering over 25 million square feet of learning space.

"Through True Value Foundation's Painting a Brighter Future program, we're able to help Kinship of Tomahawk and give back to the community we love to serve," Qualheim's stated. "The donation will not only

save the organization money, but more importantly will create an environment that fosters learning, inspires creativity and instills community pride."

True Value Foundation unites retailers in helping improve the lives of children in the communities True Value serves.

"The foundation advocates for youth and serves as a catalyst to provide tools and resources to help youth realize their dreams and achieve their potential," Qualheim's said. "We encourage our partners to get involved and give back through volunteerism, mentorship, community improvements, and raising funds."



In continuation of its commemoration of CPL Einar H. Ingman Jr. and Ingman Range, the marksmanship range on Camp Casey in South Korea named in honor of the Tomahawk-area native, soldiers from the 17th Infantry Regiment last week affixed Ingman's portrait and a small metal plaque highlighting the May 25 ceremony. The 1-17th Infantry Buffalos said displaying Ingman's portrait was part of "(finalizing) our efforts to ensure his connection to the 17th Infantry Regiment remains with every Soldier who trains there in perpetuity."



"We're exceptionally proud and humbled to be connected with such a giant of our Regiment's history," 1-17th Infantry said. "Once a buffalo, always a buffalo."

Photos courtesy of 1-17th Infantry Buffalos

Supervisors approve allocation of \$1.5 million in ARPA funds to county roads

BY JALEN MAKI TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

MERRILL – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds earmarked for Lincoln County will be put towards maintaining and improving county roads.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Ser-

vice Center in Merrill on Tuesday, June 20, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution allocating \$1.5 million in ARPA funds to the Lincoln County Highway Department.

The funds will be used for reconditioning, paving and/or performing maintenance on county roads,

according to the resolution.

The resolution's approval comes several months after the board gave the thumbs up to a vision statement and branding aimed at marketing tourism and bringing visitors to Lincoln County, with the ultimate goal being an increase in sales tax revenue.

According to the resolution, county highways and roads have "fallen behind a desired 20- or 25-year maintenance schedule, leaving some in poor condition and making travel difficult."

"These highways and roads are used by residents and visitors to the county for purposes of recreation

and tourism, and improving the condition of some of these county highways and roads would further the objective of promoting and encouraging travel, tourism and recreation within Lincoln County," the resolution stated.

Prior to the vote, Board Chair and District 9 Supervisor Don Friske, who

authored the resolution, pointed to County Highways A, K, L, S and U as needing "a significant amount of TLC."

The board ultimately approved the resolution with minimal discussion.

With the resolution's approval, Lincoln County has roughly \$1 million in ARPA funds remaining.

The Community Project's Essentials Pantry offering non-food items for those in need

BY SARAH GREIL

TOMAHAWK – The Community Project (TCP), founded by Jennifer Van Rixel and Julie Thompson in August of 2022, has been helping underprivileged and struggling members in our community and helping others realize their dreams of owning their own business.

After months of planning and collecting donated items, they have finally added the service of an Essentials Pantry. The Essentials Pantry provides non-food items for families who can't afford them at this time.

They are not currently taking walk-ins. Assistance is only provided via referral from other local nonprofits, such as churches and the Salvation Army. An appointment must be set up with TCP prior to a visit to the pantry.

TCP works closely with the Tomahawk School District nurse and coun-



Photo courtesy of TCP

selors, as well as Kinship and others to identify families who may need help.

The Essentials Pantry is looking for donations of household goods, such as dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, cleaning supplies and dish towels. They are also accepting personal hygiene items, such as

shampoo, body wash, bath towels, feminine products, diapers and formula.

Those wishing to donate to the Essentials Pantry can drop off items at The Community Project at 310 W. Wisconsin Ave. Those making donations are asked to call 715-224-3412 ahead to set up a drop-off time.

Tomahawk Farmers' Market taking part in Aspirus' Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Aspirus Health recently launched another year of its Fruit and Vegetable Prescription (FVRx) Program, which helps provide patients with access to fresh produce.

"From farm to table, the fresh produce at your local farmers market is one of the healthiest ways to get all your nutrients," Aspirus stated.

"Summer is the perfect time to give canned and frozen produce a break – to give our bodies and minds a healthy boost with some fresh fruits and veggies," said Kari Due, Aspirus Community Health Improvement Lead. "As a bonus, buying them at a farmers market is a fantastic opportunity to support our local farmers."

Under the program, patients are identified by Aspirus' Care Coordination Team as having a need, whether it be food insecurity, low-income, chronic conditions, or lack of access. Eligible patients are given a "prescription" to use at one of many participating farmers markets in the Aspirus service area.

Among the program's participants is the Tomahawk Farmers' Market, held on the north side of 3rd St. and W. Wisconsin



Aspirus' Fruit and Vegetable Prescription (FVRx) Program helps provide patients with access to fresh produce.

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

Ave. from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each Tuesday from June through October.

Markets in Merrill, Antigo, Medford and Wausau also take part in the program.

"We know that a diet that's rich in fruits and veggies is healthy for us, but not everyone has the same access to these items," Due noted. "This program is designed to get more nutritious foods in the hands of more families in our communities."

Aspirus said farmers market vendors often-times provide free tastes of things like raspberries, local jellies and fruit.

"The aromas of fresh vegetables and fruits are so wonderful that it makes you want to start planting," Aspirus stated. "You are bound to taste or see something that triggers a smile."

Aspirus provided the following tips for getting the most from a trip to the farmers market:

- Go early. You may not need to be among the first arrivals for a weekday market, but weekend markets get busy fast. If you arrive too late, the best pickings may be gone.
- Bring cash and reusable bags. Transactions will go easier if you have a pocket of small bills. Plus, you need sturdy bags to carry your items home.
- Talk to the vendors. The sellers want to talk about their fruits, veggies, and jams. Ask for buying and storing tips. They can often give you recipe ideas too.

For the full list of participating farmers market locations and more information on the FVRx program, visit www.aspirus.org/fvrx-program.

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News Briefs

THS Class of 1993 30th reunion

The Tomahawk High School Class of 1993 will hold a 30-year reunion at Maday's Fish Trap, 9408 County Rd. N, Tomahawk, on Saturday, July 1 at 3 p.m. Food, drinks, music, a photo booth and cornhole will be featured. For more information, contact Nora Boomer on Facebook.

Aspirus blood drive

A blood drive will be held in the Spruce and Tamarack Rooms at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 410 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk, on Friday, July 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102.

Historical Society museums open

The Tomahawk Area Historical Society's Old Kindergarten and Log Museums, located on E. Wash-

ington Ave. near the Tomahawk Chamber, are open to visitors from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer season. The museums are filled with local history, including a new display of a Tomahawk Elementary School time capsule buried by sixth graders in 1986. Military, kitchen and Native American displays and artifacts, information about Tomahawk's founder William Bradley, histories of area schools and businesses and more are featured. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The museums are staffed by volunteers. Admission is free, with donations appreciated. For more information, contact Society President Pat Pietila at 715-966-4801.

Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus

Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms

Eagle Summit Community Healing Rooms, W5676 Water View Ln., Tomahawk, are open every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 7:30 for prayer support. Eagle Summit is part of the International Association of Healing Rooms and features trained volunteers who offer free, confidential prayer support. Eagle Summit is a faith-based center open to all. For more information, contact Paula at paulapmt25@gmail.com or call Eagle Summit Healing Center 715 224-3490.

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Lincoln County businesses, organizations participating as cooling centers this summer

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) on Monday, June 19 announced a list of cooling centers in Tomahawk, Merrill and Gleason.

“While many people look forward to the warmer temperatures, it’s important to remember that hot conditions can turn dangerous quickly and pose a risk to health and safety, especially for infants and children, older adults and individuals with certain medical and chronic conditions,” LCHD stated.

Lincoln County has numerous designated cooling centers, air-conditioned facilities where county residents are invited to get relief from

extreme heat during business hours.

LCHD thanked the following businesses and organizations for participating as cooling centers this summer.

Tomahawk

Tomahawk cooling centers, hours and contact information:

- Tomahawk Senior Center, 113 S. Tomahawk Ave.; Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 715-453-5757.
- Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St.; Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 715-453-4040.
- Tomahawk Public Library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave.; Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 715-453-2455.

Merrill

Merrill cooling centers,



hours and contact information:

- Merrill Enrichment Center, 303 N Sales St.; Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 715-536-4226.
- Riverside Athletic Club, 500 S. Center Ave.; Monday – Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; 715-536-2481.
- Smith Multi-Purpose Center (MARC), 1100 Marc Dr.; Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 715-536-6187.
- T.B. Scott Free Library, 106 W. 1st St.; Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to

6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 715-536-7191.

• Walmart, 505 S. Pine Ridge Ln.; Monday – Sunday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. 715-536-2414.

• Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes, 1208 N. Center Ave.; Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; 715-536-9405.

Gleason

Gleason cooling centers, hours and contact information:

• Gleason Bowling Center, N4878 Hwy. 17; Monday, Wednesday – Saturday, 11 a.m. to close; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 715-873-4588.

LCHD said the public can beat the heat this summer by following these safety tips:

- Stay hydrated. Drink a lot of water. Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, tea and sodas.
- Avoid going outside in extreme heat. Limit outside activity to early morning or late evening.
- Wear sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body’s ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated.
- If you don’t have air conditioning, keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but windows slightly open.
- Keep lights off or turned down.

• Limit the use of the stove.

• Wear lightweight, loose, light-colored clothing.

• Take cool baths and showers.

• Don’t leave anyone, including pets, in a parked car – even for a few minutes.

• Check up on family, friends, and neighbors during extreme heat. If you are unable to reach them, call 911 and request a well-being check.

Businesses or organizations interested in being a designated cooling center may contact Kristin Bath, Public Health Educator, at kristin.bath@co.lincoln.wi.us or 715-539-1373.

A current list of local cooling centers is available at www.lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com.

Merrill woman charged with attempting to murder 16-year-old autistic son

BY TINA L. SCOTT
MMC STAFF

MERRILL – Heather Joy O’Neill, age 53, of rural Merrill (Town of Harding), was taken into custody on Tuesday, June 20 and was formally charged with two felony charges and a misdemeanor in Lincoln County Circuit Court on Thursday, June 22.

O’Neill is charged with first degree intentional attempted homicide and first degree recklessly endangering safety as a result of her overdosing her autistic son, 16, with possibly both prescription and over-the-counter medications on June 20.

She also took an overdose of medications herself in an apparent attempt to take her own life.

In addition, she is charged with an additional misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer.

Defendant called 911

According to the complaint on file in Lincoln County Circuit Court and the sergeant investigator’s affidavit in support of the search warrant issued for O’Neill’s home, where she



O’Neill
Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Jail

lived with and was primary caretaker for her son, the Lincoln County 911 dispatch center received a call from Heather O’Neill at 5:59 p.m. on June 20.

A transcript of the 911 call indicates Heather O’Neill told the 911 operator: “I just gave my son and myself an overdose.”

She identified herself by name.

When asked what they took, she answered “Numerous things.”

In answer to other questions, O’Neill indicated her son was in his bedroom and was breathing and said she was “extremely upset” and, referring to her son, said that

“He was very violent this afternoon. ... He has tantrums. You’re gonna have to pump his stomach.”

After learning help was being sent, Heather O’Neill hung up despite being asked to stay on the line.

The affidavit said a Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) deputy arrived on scene and was met by Heather and her son outside and that Heather told the deputy her son needed to go to the hospital. Heather then attempted to retreat to the residence but was detained by the deputy and, after brief attempts to evade the deputy, the deputy successfully hand-

cuffed her.

When the deputy asked Heather what she had given her son, “Heather stated she gave him a bunch,” the deputy said.

After Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived and “began rendering aid,” they also asked Heather what she gave to her son, and the deputy said Heather told them she “gave him Trazodone, sleeping aids and sedatives.”

According to the deputy’s account, “Heather then stated, ‘I’m tired of living like this’ and that her son had had a temper tantrum today and stated, ‘I’m done.’”

A search warrant of the

home revealed four empty bottles for prescription medications prescribed to either Heather or the victim. According to the dates the medications had been filled by the pharmacy, the medication bottles should not yet have been empty.

Additional partial bottles of medications prescribed for either Heather or the victim were also located, along with boxes of numerous other prescription and non-prescription

O’Neill

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Chamber Ambassadors hold ribbon cutting ceremony at Nutzee's Bar and Resort

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

GLEASON – The Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors recently welcomed Nutzee's Bar and Resort to the community.

Nutzee's Bar and Resort is located at N9831 County Rd. B in Gleason.

A release from the Chamber said what started out as a love for visiting the area turned into the passion to own a place here.

"Nutzee's Bar and Resort owners Kevin LaMarche and Bonnie Kappell were actually looking for a campground when this property came up for sale," the Chamber explained. "They fell in love with the place, located directly on the snowmobile and ATV/

UTV trails, with land to expand."

The Chamber said LaMarche and Kappell have been fine-tuning the bar and grill offerings, which include an extensive menu and salad bar, along with a Sunday breakfast buffet and Bloody Mary bar.

LaMarche and Kappell are currently moving forward with developing the campground area and "look forward to providing a great Up North outdoor vacation adventure spot."

"Enjoy scenic Harrison Hills with a fine dining and refreshment experience with the comfortable bar and beautifully decorated dining area, with friendly staff to go along with it," the Chamber stated.

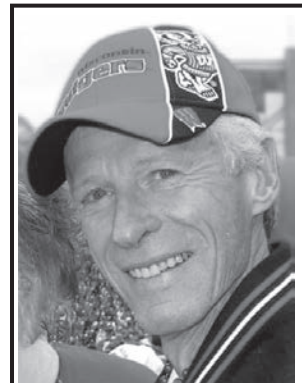


Chamber Ambassadors Kathy Rankin, Bunny Kluka, Heather Smith, Patti Panfil, MaryLu Voermans, Deb Tomaszewski, Kathy Rechsteiner and Kristi Davis, along with Chamber Director Sherry Hulett, were on hand to meet Kevin LaMarche and Bonnie Kappell, owners of Nutzee's Bar and Resort. Photo by Andy Tomaszewski

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OBITUARIES

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David E. Hubatch, age 77, of Tomahawk, passed away on Monday, June 19, 2023, at his home. Dave was born in Antigo, Wis., on Aug. 8, 1945, to the late Elmer and Josephine (Pitkannen) Hubatch. He was married to Judith Dorn on Aug. 8, 1964; she preceded him in death on Oct. 23, 2022.

David was a 1963 graduate of the Antigo High School. After high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1967. He returned to Antigo beginning employment with GTE. Dave worked with the company for many years before moving to Harshaw, Wis., and was employed at Rhinelander Telephone for several years before his retirement. In 2009, Dave and Judy moved to Tomahawk where he loved the outdoors fishing, hunting and golfing, and also enjoyed playing pool. He was a dedicated and committed member of the VFW and American Legion contributing many hours to the success of the Wurl-Feind-Ingman Golf Scramble and other community functions. Dave truly cherished the time he spent with his family.

Survivors include his son, Perry (Lisa) Hubatch; his daughter, Pamela (Ryan) Osness; his grandchildren, Ashley (Michael) Manzeck, Amber (Steven) Trojan, Mikayla Hubatch, and Annika Hubatch, in addition to his four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Josephine; his wife, Judith; and his infant son, Timothy.

Memorial services, with military honors, will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 12 p.m. at Generations Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Deacon David Bablick will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 12 p.m. Private inurnment will take place at the Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view David's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

In Memoriam
KENNETH LAAKSONEN
July 2, 2022
I Miss You
I cried when you passed away,
I still cry today.
Although I loved you dearly,
I couldn't make you stay.
Your golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke my heart to prove to me
That he only takes the best.
Love you then, love you now and
Will always love you.
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"Pastor's Corner"

Why me Lord?

How often we ask that question – and often it's when things go sour; as if everything we touch or do turns against us – it seems that nothing goes right, or at least the way we want things to go. And what do we do? We all too often blame God. After all, doesn't He cause everything in the universe to happen? Wrong! Yes, He created the universe and everything in it. He created it for our use – yours and mine. All humankind. However, He didn't give it to us without laying down some rules for how we used it and what we did with it. Why did He have to make those rules? He made the rules as a good news/bad news situation. God said the good news is that "I am giving you your own free choice." The bad news is "I am giving you your own free choice." Perhaps that seems rather odd to some. However, I believe that God is telling us that we alone are responsible for our every action, our every thought or spoken word or whatever bad situation we may encounter.

We humans, having our own free will, can use it for good – or we can use it for bad. Every day, from the moment we first awaken in the morning until we fall asleep at night, we are faced with decisions that we must make. Each and every situation in our life demands a choice, a decision, on our part. Our free will comes into play in our decision-making. We can ask others their opinion as to their thoughts of how we should proceed, or not proceed in particular situations, but the ultimate decision to do or not to do rests solely with us as individuals.

The point of this is that the circumstances that occur in our life, whether through our own decision-making or through the influence of others, are not the fault of God, though some may feel otherwise. I repeat. The truth is the ultimate decision is our own, and ours alone. We cannot blame anyone else.

We read in the Holy Bible of a man who had every reason to "blame someone else for the situations that occurred in his life". His name was Job and there is an entire book in the Bible devoted to this man and what he suffered without assessing blame or pointing fingers. This missive would be several pages long if I were to write the entire book for you, so I invite you to read it for yourself, or study it with a friend.

Briefly, Job was a very wealthy man, an upright and blameless man who loved and feared God, turning away from all evil. He owned thousands of sheep, camels, oxen, and donkeys. He and his wife had a large family, seven sons and three daughters, along with many servants. And he lost everything – if anything could go wrong, it did, but he never cried out "Why me Lord?"

We read in the Bible of another person who had reason, or so he thought, to ask God "Why me Lord?" It was Moses. God told Moses to Tell the Pharaoh in Egypt who was persecuting God's people to let them go. Moses considered himself slow of speech. Moses said, and I paraphrase, "But Lord, I am not a good speaker." In other words, Moses said, "I am not qualified." We are told that "God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called." God indeed qualified Moses and Moses accomplished what God sent him to do. It wasn't easy, however, in time, Moses was able to lead the Israelites out of Egypt through the Red Sea.

No doubt we know personally of someone who is going through or has gone through extreme trials in their life. Have they cried out, "Why me Lord?" Or have they done as the Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the Thessalonians told them to "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV) Paul is not telling us to give thanks for all circumstances but in them thanking God that He will carry us safely through.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



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Readers are invited to submit questions about God, the Bible, and religion. I shall try to answer them for you, using the Bible as the authority for my answers. We should read the Bible with the intent of learning who God is and what He says.

The week before Father's Day, we looked at Galatians 5:6 and the idea presented there that God does not care about whether or not we are religious; what He does care about is if we have a *faith which works by love* – a love for Him and for others. For today, I would like to focus on this through the words of 1 John 3:16-23.

Verse 16 lays out the thesis of this group of verses, saying, *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* The next verses then go on to apply this to helping out fellow believers when they have a real need (verses 17,18). The question is asked, *If we have the ability and opportunity to help out a fellow believer in their need but do not do so, then how can we say we even know God's love?* The promise here is that if we are helpful, then we will be more confident of our relationship to God (verse 19).

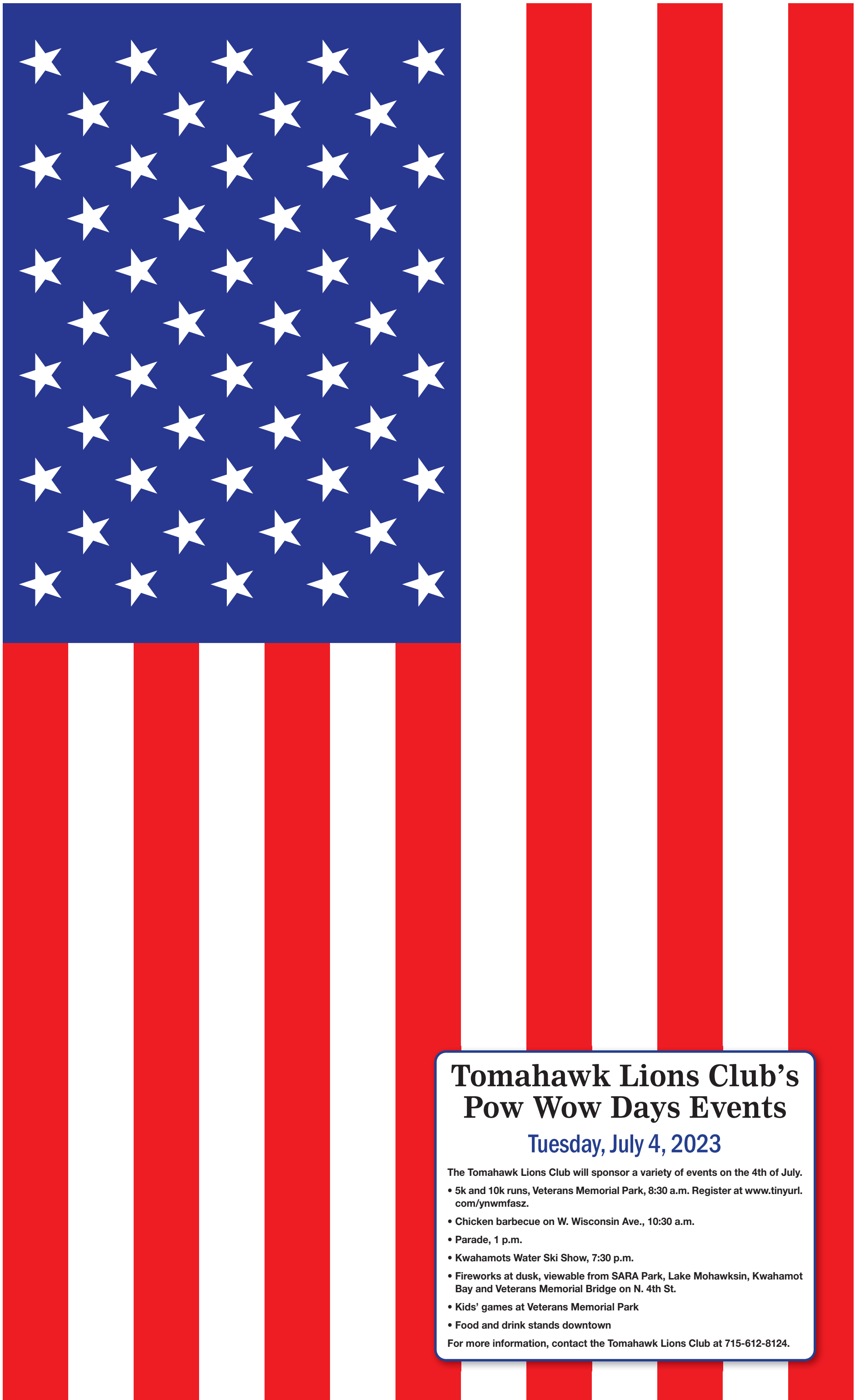
Verse 20 is a warning that if we do not love (help when we can) a fellow believer, then we will experience a guilty conscience, but we will not lose our salvation. And if we do as we should, we will have a clear conscience (verse 21), *and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight* (verse 22). Reading between the lines, we read that if we are not obeying God in this, then we should not expect God to answer our prayers. But if we are obeying God in this, then we should not be surprised when God answers our prayers. It is like the Lord's Prayer where we pray, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors* (Matthew 6:12).

In verse 23, John then defines what it means in verse 22 to *keep his commandments*. In verse 23 we read, *And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment*. God's commandment has two parts: believe on Jesus Christ and love others.

The first part concerns our salvation. The Bible teaches that the forgiveness of sins is only given to those who will believe on Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10-12, Romans 10:9,10).

The second part of the commandment defines how we should live if we do believe. The night before He was taken and crucified, Jesus told His disciples, *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another* (John 13:34). The Old commandment had been to love your neighbor like you love yourself (Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 19:19). Jesus steps the command up a notch when He said we are to love one another just like He loves us, and He loved us enough to die on the cross to pay for our sins. This would be a faith that works by love (Galatians 5:6).

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Tuesday, July 4, 2023

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- Parade, 1 p.m.
- Kwahamots Water Ski Show, 7:30 p.m.
- Fireworks at dusk, viewable from SARA Park, Lake Mohawksin, Kwahamot Bay and Veterans Memorial Bridge on N. 4th St.
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Evers signs bipartisan shared revenue bill, providing 'historic increase' in funding to local governments

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Wisconsin municipalities will see an increase in state funding following Governor Tony Evers' signing of bipartisan legislation relating to shared revenue.

Evers was joined in Wausau on Tuesday, June 20 by Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) Secretary Peter Barca, State Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), State Senator LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) and Wausau Mayor Katie Rosenberg, as well as other legislators, local elected officials and stakeholders as he signed Assembly Bill 245, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 12, in Wausau on Tuesday, June 20.



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Photo courtesy of Felzkowski's office

more than \$1 billion investment in spendable revenue for K-12 education and a per pupil aid increase for choice and independent charter schools.

"Evers and Republican leaders negotiated to reach a compromise on shared revenue that includes at least a 20% increase in support to most municipalities statewide," the release stated.

According to the release, the compromise also contained provisions ensuring the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County are "enabled with the tools, flexibility and resources to avoid insolvency, including requiring a two-thirds vote by the City of Milwaukee Common Council

and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to implement a local sales tax of 2% for the city of Milwaukee and 0.4% for Milwaukee County."

The ultimate agreement reached by Evers, Majority Leader LeMahieu and Speaker Vos "represents a generational increase in the state's commitment to local communities, and it ties local government funding to the state sales tax going forward, allowing for growth in the future," the release said.

A full breakdown of additional funding communities will receive under AB 245 is available at www.tinyurl.com/ccuw5hz9.

"To me, the issue of shared revenue has al-

LOCAL COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AID DATA				
Municipality	Existing Aid	Supplemental Aid	Total Aid	% Increase
Lincoln County	\$959,239.00	\$638,751.00	\$1,597,990.00	66.6%
Oneida County	\$43,558.00	\$450,579.00	\$494,137.00	1,034.4%
Price County	\$468,676.00	\$448,172.00	\$916,848.00	95.6%
City of Tomahawk	\$613,086.00	\$122,617.00	\$735,703.00	20.0%
City of Merrill	\$3,045,109.00	\$686,287.00	\$3,731,396.00	22.5%
City of Rhinelander	\$902,663.00	\$249,260.00	\$1,151,923.00	27.6%
Town of Birch	\$32,535.00	\$38,605.00	\$71,140.00	118.7%
Town of Bradley	\$39,781.00	\$70,576.00	\$110,357.00	177.4%
Town of Cassian	\$19,217.00	\$48,062.00	\$67,279.00	250.1%
Town of Corning	\$29,738.00	\$43,948.00	\$73,686.00	147.8%
Town of Harding	\$8,144.00	\$36,203.00	\$44,347.00	444.5%
Town of Harrison	\$17,386.00	\$43,948.00	\$61,333.00	252.8%
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Town of Knox	\$24,834.00	\$35,278.00	\$60,112.00	142.1%
Town of Little Rice	\$6,646.00	\$36,589.00	\$43,235.00	550.6%
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Town of Spirit	\$13,491.00	\$34,942.00	\$48,433.00	259.0%
Town of Tomahawk	\$7,726.00	\$37,749.00	\$45,475.00	488.6%
Town of Wilson	\$4,098.00	\$35,396.00	\$39,494.00	863.7%

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ways been about doing the right thing for Wisconsin," Evers stated in the release. "I began working on this when I took office four years ago, and that effort began for me with this simple truth: that for far too long, our local communities have been expect-

ed to do more with less. Local partners for years have had to make impossible decisions, forced to choose between paying for first responders, addressing PFAS, fixing the roads and other critical priorities that affect the health, safety and well-being of

folks across our state." Felzkowski, who cosponsored the bill, said it is a "generational piece of legislation that ensures communities throughout the Northwoods will be able to provide the services that

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“The people of Wisconsin elect their legislators with the expectation that they’ll go to Madison and get things done for the entire state,” Felzkowski said. “This bill is a true testament to the ability of lawmakers to put politics aside and work across the aisle. I will always work with anyone who’s willing to come to the table to help, and I’m extremely grateful that the Governor chose to do so.”

“I’ve always said much of the hard work that happens in our state happens at the local level,” Evers stated. “Whether it’s providing essential services like EMS, police and fire, repairing streets, expanding affordable housing, ensuring kids and families have safe, clean parks, addressing water quality issues like PFAS or supporting local libraries and public health, today means so many of our local partners will finally be able to make ends meet. To leave our state with a legacy of prosperity, we must fulfill our obligation to fund our communities—the future of our state, our economy, and our workforce depend upon it.”

Man dies by suicide at Rhinelander business

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – A man died by suicide at a Rhinelander business last week.

A release from the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office said a 911 call reporting a shooting at Hodag Gun and Loan, 2262 Lincoln St., was received at ap-

proximately 11:35 a.m. on Thursday, June 22.

Upon arrival, law enforcement located a deceased male.

It was later determined that the man, who had not been identified by the Sheriff’s Office as of press time on Monday, June 26, suffered an intentional self-inflicted gunshot

wound.

At the time the incident was reported, the Sheriff’s Office said there was no threat to the community and asked the public to avoid the area, as it was an active crime scene.

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PRICE COUNTY CORPORATION COUNSEL

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **Corporation Counsel**. This position is responsible for advising and representing the County Board, governing bodies, committees, departments, and officials of the County in civil legal matters involving the County. The duties and responsibilities of the Corporation Counsel are established by the County Board and performed under, and subject to, the review and direction of the Administrative committee with the approval of the County Board.

This is a full time, regular, exempt position with a full benefit package and starting annual salary range of \$90,771 to \$96,324, depending on experience. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, vacation, 10 paid holidays, paid sick leave, employee lifestyle enhancement perk, and paid maternity/paternity leave. Dental/vision, health savings account, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

Located in north central Wisconsin, midway between Hayward and Minocqua, Price County is home to a variety of natural resources. Our abundance of woods and waters provides endless outdoor recreational opportunities. The communities in Price County offer shopping, dining, services, affordable housing, and a friendly atmosphere.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at www.co.price.wi.us, by emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us or by calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications and resume must be received by the Price County Office of Administration no later than 4:30 pm on July 12, 2023, to be considered for this position.

Price County is an equal opportunity employer.

Town of Lynne Road Maintenance Worker

The Town of Lynn is accepting applications for a current opening for a Road Maintenance Worker. This is a full-time 40 hours a week/2080 hours per year position.

Description
Work involves a variety of semiskilled tasks in the maintenance and repair of town roads, right of-ways, facilities, and equipment.

Requirements
Qualified applicant must have a high-school diploma, Valid Wisconsin Driver's license with Class B, C, D and Air Brake Endorsement; knowledge of road work maintenance, repair, tools and equipment; ability to perform routine mechanical maintenance functions; welding knowledge a plus but not required, good far, near, and night vision; good hearing and perception of sound; ability to work under extreme hot, cold, and wet conditions; ability to operate hand tools, front end loader, snow plow, small gas powered equipment, trucks, and automobiles; must be knowledgeable of and follow all safety precautions; ability to prepare and maintain accurate and complete records and reports; Ability to work independently; ability to respond to residents in a respectful appropriate manner.

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ADRC SPECIALIST
Price County Health and Human Services Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **ADRC Specialist** within the Price County Health and Human Services Department. This is a regular, part-time (20 hours per week) position. This person will help inform and educate people about their options; assist in connecting them to programs, services, and public and private benefits; and provide outreach, eligibility determination and enrollment into the Family Care/Care Management Organization/IRIS program. This position requires Wisconsin's Long Term Care Functional Screen (LTCFS) certification. Responsibilities include managing referrals and programs simultaneously, and providing outreach, marketing, and presentations to the community and area agencies. The person in this position is the "face of" and gateway to the ADRC and long-term care programs. Position is under the direct supervision of the Aging and Disability Supervisor/ADRC Branch Manager and the general supervision of the Health & Human Services Director.

The starting hourly wage is \$22.05. Pro-rated benefits include 10 days of vacation after 90 days of service, 10 paid holidays, paid sick leave, employee lifestyle enhancement perk, and paid maternity/paternity leave. Flex Spending and Wisconsin Deferred Comp are also available.

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HIGHWAY OPERATOR
Price County Highway Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **Highway Operator** within the Price County Highway Department. This is a regular, full-time position performing skilled work in road maintenance and equipment operations. Work includes a wide variety of manual and automatic equipment operation tasks involved in routine maintenance and emergency highway situations. Work is performed in accordance with established routines and procedures based upon accepted equipment operation and maintenance practices.

This position has a starting hourly wage range of \$24.05 to \$25.40, depending on experience, plus an additional \$1.50 per hour from November 1 through March 31, and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, 10 days of vacation after 90 days of service, paid sick leave, paid maternity/paternity leave, 10 paid holidays, annual clothing allowance, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk. Dental/vision, health savings account, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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O'NEILL
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medications, either full or partially used.

A suicide note addressed to Tom, the defendant's husband, and signed "Your wife & friend, Heather" was also found.

The note said, in part, "I have come to the conclusion that life will not get better from here." The note said the victim had had a "physically violent temper tantrum" and she could no longer live together with him.

"As soon as he does not get his way, (he) turns aggressive with me. This I can no longer handle," the note said.

"I can no longer remember why I even wanted a child," the note said. "He has been such a miserable burden to me and will continue to be so. Never will I be able to live the happy peaceful life that I have needed. I am sorry to have caused you pain ..."

In statements to the deputy, Tom O'Neill advised he had called his wife and she didn't answer, but she called him back approximately 15 to 20 minutes later and stated an ambulance was on the way and that Heather told him, "We took medicine. I gave us medicine."

The complaint showing probable cause documented numerous statements credited to Heather.

On the one hand, the Complaint said that Heather, when asked by paramedics if the medication overdose had been intentional, had confirmed that it was and stated, "I'm done" and "I'm tired of living like this."

However, Heather had also initiated the call to 911 and, once paramedics arrived on scene, "Heather would frequently get upset and kept yelling at EMS that they needed to 'pump victim's stomach.'"

And, "At one point, Heather got belligerent and told law enforcement something to the effect of if EMS didn't hurry up, victim would die." "Heather would continuously ask 'What are they waiting for?' and 'He needs to go to the hospital right now' and 'He needs to get his stomach pumped,'" the Complaint said.

The victim was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital by ambulance and Heather was transported by marked squad.

"While at the hospital, Heather stated that she (Heather) gave them (Heather and victim) the pills to die. Heather also said, 'I gave him some meds and I took the same ones but I cannot tell you how much each of us had' and 'I've snapped, this is 16 years of his violent tantrums. I can't take it anymore, he beats me up. I wanted it to be

over for both of us.'"

"Heather had additionally made a statement to the effect of that she wished she had not called 911 and just let it happen," the Complaint said.

While at the hospital, the victim had a seizure, got very blue in the face, and stopped breathing for a short time, then had to be intubated, and staff advised that his condition was deteriorating, according to the Complaint.

The victim's current condition is not known.

Initial appearance, cash bond set

O'Neill made an initial appearance in Lincoln County Circuit Court via video from the Lincoln County Jail on the afternoon of Thursday, June 22, appearing before Judge Robert Russell, who set O'Neill's bail at \$100,000.00 cash bond.

Additionally, if she makes bail, O'Neill is to have no contact with the victim and to maintain absolute sobriety.

Attorney Kristopher R. Ellis appeared for the State of Wisconsin, and Attorney Jessica Fehrenbach appeared specially for O'Neill.

The Court adjourned the matter to allow O'Neill time to retain an attorney, and her adjourned initial appearance is set for Friday, July 21 at 1:30 p.m.

O'Neill currently remains in custody at the Lincoln County Jail.



Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua held a ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 22 to celebrate the completion of the hospital's expansion. Pictured, from left to right, are Katie Weinberger, Jeron Jackson, Dr. Samantha Klebe, Jackie Frombach, Kathy Bressler, Dr. Barbara Boyer, Dr. Michael P McGill, Ty Erickson and Patti Kerkorian. Photo courtesy of Marshfield Clinic Health System

Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua completes hospital expansion

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MINOCQUA – Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua held a ribbon cutting event on Thursday, June 22 to celebrate the completion of its 45,000-square-foot hospital expansion.

Services in the new hospital expansion opened on Monday, June 26.

In a release, Marshfield Clinic Health System said the new hospital wing will increase inpatient rooms from 19 to 31, including six intensive care unit rooms, enhance emergency and urgent care, enlarge the pharmacy, expand respiratory therapy services, expand cardiology to include cardiac and pulmonary rehab, increase the size of family waiting areas and allow for more hospital and clinic parking space.

"As a cardiologist, I am thrilled to witness the opening of this remark-

able hospital expansion, which signifies a major leap forward in our ability to provide cutting-edge cardiology services to our community," said Dr. Michael McGill. "With state-of-the-art facilities and a team of dedicated specialists, we are poised to enhance cardiac care, saving lives and improving the quality of life for countless individuals. This expansion demonstrates our commitment to delivering exceptional cardiovascular care, and I am honored to be a part of this transformative journey."

The expansion moves urgent care from the medical center to a shared entrance with the emergency department in the new hospital wing, a change that offers enhanced patient care as staff and providers can now triage patients upon entry, according to Marshfield Clinic.

"Additionally, an ex-

panded campus allows more specialty care to patients across northern Wisconsin and throughout northern Michigan," Marshfield Clinic stated.

"We are thrilled to complete this hospital expansion, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to delivering exceptional health care services to our community," said Ty Erickson, President of Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua. "This ribbon cutting ceremony symbolizes our unwavering dedication to providing advanced medical care, state-of-the-art facilities and a healing environment for our patients. We are proud to celebrate this achievement with our dedicated staff, visionary partners and the entire community as we continue our mission to improve lives and elevate the standard of care."

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Risk of pavement buckling rises with temperatures, WisDOT says

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Warmer temperatures forecast throughout Wisconsin could create conditions for pavement buckling, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is advising motorists to be alert and take extra caution.

WisDOT said pavement can buckle when the weather

quickly goes from cool to very hot.

“This causes slabs of pavement to expand and push against one another,” WisDOT stated. “If the pressure becomes great enough, the pavement can buckle and create unexpected bumps or dips.”

While it’s difficult to predict if, or where, buckling may occur, WisDOT offered these tips:



- Slow down, buckle up and focus your full attention on the roadway.
 - Watch for slowing traffic and be ready to move over for all roadside workers, including highway crews as they repair damaged pavement.
 - Before your trip, check www.511wi.gov for the latest information on any incidents or delays. Live video feeds are now available via the 511 Wisconsin traffic cameras.
 - If necessary, report serious pavement issues by calling 911. Be ready to provide specific location information.
- Learn more by watching WisDOT’s animation on pavement buckles at www.tinyurl.com/thybvm6z.

Learn to Hunt Bear webinar slated for next month

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host an educational hunting webinar for people interested in learning how to hunt black bears in Wisconsin.

The webinar will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12 via YouTube at www.tinyurl.com/2p862z93. The webinar will be recorded and can be viewed on YouTube any time using the same link.

Information on bear biology and management, bear hunting rules and regulations and the most common techniques used to hunt bear in Wisconsin will be highlighted.

Following a presentation by DNR staff, the audience will have opportunities to ask questions that panelists will answer at the end of the program. The webinar will be recorded and available online.



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host a Learn to Hunt Bear webinar next month.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

“Wisconsin has a strong bear hunting tradition, and the opportunity generates a lot of interest from hunters,” said Bob Nack, DNR Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Team Supervisor. “Due to the high level of interest and permit wait times, many hunters don’t get the chance to gain a lot of bear hunting experience. This webinar will provide

a basic understanding of what it takes to hunt Wisconsin black bears.”

Those interested in hosting a Learn to Hunt Bear program can contact Nack at RobertR.Nack@wisconsin.gov.

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July 2	3:02AM	11:02AM	8:05PM	—
July 3	4:05AM	11:35PM	9:04PM	12:08PM
July 4	5:22AM	12:40AM	9:48PM	1:12PM
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1. Pave ¼ mile on Bear Trail Road at 4" thickness, extending from the existing asphalt. Cut and match accordingly.
2. Double chip seal East Cloverbelt Road from County Hwy H termination point including cul-de-sac.
3. Pave Skanawan Town Hall parking lot per flagged layout at site. 3" asphalt and proper site preparation.

The Town of Skanawan will receive quotes for this work at the Town Hall of Skanawan in Irma, Wisconsin until July 10th, at 7:00 pm. Quotes may also be mailed to

Town of Skanawan-Roads
Attention: Loyetta Gitter, Clerk
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Vendors may bid on one or all three projects.

Quotes will be reviewed, and contracts will be awarded to the vendor/vendors whose quote/quotes are the most responsive to the solicitation and are most advantageous to the Town of Skanawan, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, considering price, quality and other factors.

Town reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

Loyetta Gitter, Clerk
Ben Mehring, Chairman
6/16/23

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Leader Sports & Nature

Fishing Report: Mayfly hatch arrives; bass hitting well

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – The biggest change in the lakes now is that that mayfly hatch is on, and that will have an effect on the fishing for several weeks. Let's hope that this general change to warmer weather keeps on.

There are a lot of insects hatching and the mosquitos, while a bit better, are still nasty, so take some repellent along. With high water in the marshes, we'll be seeing a lot of mosquitoes this year.

Walleye fishing has actually been good, but this mayfly hatch will change walleye patterns significantly. If you notice any hatch, such as winged insects flying over the water or the shells of hatched ones, look for softer bottom areas to be more productive.

These mayfly emerge from mud areas and the larvae swim to the surface. This is when the fish feed on them, especially walleye. They really gorge on them, so they don't need to be chasing minnows during the hatch.

The best bait to use during the mayfly hatch are leeches. Small leeches imitate these larvae pretty well, and can be very effective at times. This hatch generally comes a little later on the larger, colder lakes.

The whole population

of walleye do not feed exclusively on mayfly, so anglers will still catch these guys on rocks and weeds using leeches or minnows on a jig. Look for the hatches, though, and fish right in the middle of them is you see one happening.

Bass fishing has been fantastic lately, with both the smallies and the largemouth in post-spawn feeding mode. The simple pattern is to look for rocks and hard bottom for the smallies and softer bottom and cover for the largemouth. Bullrushes, lily pads musky cabbage and piers all provide great cover for the largemouth. Plastics, surface baits and spinnerbaits all work very well for largemouth.

For the smallies, look for them to be moving deeper and locating in hard bottom areas. Swim baits, crankbaits and plastics work well for them, as do bigger leeches. They love crawlers also, but it is hard to fish with them because the bluegills steal them so fast.

Northerns are hitting well now, mostly in the weeds. Most northerns seem to be caught by anglers actually targeting walleye or bass. They will hit minnows well – the larger the better. As far as artificial baits, anything that will make noise or flash will work.

Musky action has gotten a slow start this year. We are seeing action on all of the typical lakes. Smaller bucktails and twitch baits seem to be working best now. As these weeds continue to come up, we'll find more fish feeding in them.

Panfish action has been good, with the bluegills spawning now on most lakes. Look for them with worms right on the shorelines. Crappies have spawned and have moved to the weeds. Minnows or small plastics such as Mini Mites are working well. The perch are in the deeper weeds hanging with the walleye, per usual.

What a great time to be on the water. Get out there and enjoy!

Good luck and good fishin'!



Photo courtesy of Garrett Sims

More than 750,000 catchable trout stocked into Wisconsin waters

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – More than 750,000 catchable-sized brook, brown and rainbow trout have been stocked into Wisconsin waters between last fall and this spring, the Wisconsin Department Natural Resources announced on Monday, June 19.

DNR said the fish, raised by DNR hatchery staff at the Nevin, Osceola and St.

Croix state hatcheries and the West Central Region and Northeastern Region Cooperative fish rearing facilities, are "meant to help supplement natural trout populations."

"They also provide great fishing opportunities for anglers fishing urban fishing waters, which received over 68,000 trout that were raised in partnership with fishing clubs," DNR stated.

"Cooperatively managed with local municipalities, these small lakes and ponds are frequently used to host fishing clinics."

Lakes, rivers and creeks in Lincoln, Oneida, Price and Vilas counties were among local waterbodies to be stocked.

View a list of where catchable-sized trout have been stocked so far at www.tinyurl.com/2p8f6bsy.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, June 18	79	59
Monday, June 19	84	53
Tuesday, June 20	87	48
Wednesday, June 21	88	57
Thursday, June 22	90	55
Friday, June 23	88	56
Saturday, June 24	87	61

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LOCAL STOCKING DATA

County	Waterbody	Species	Age Class	Number Stocked
Lincoln	Ament Lake	Brook Trout	Yearling	3,100
Lincoln	Henson Lake	Brook Trout	Large Fingerling	2,271
Lincoln	Larson Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	2,633
Lincoln	Mirror Lake	Brook Trout	Large Fingerling	1,694
Lincoln	Mirror Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	1,100
Lincoln	Moraine Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	2,317
Lincoln	Tahoe Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	1,980
Oneida	Dorothy Lake	Brown Trout	Large Fingerling	8,000
Oneida	Hawk Lake	Rainbow Trout	Yearling	1,000
Oneida	Little Bass Lake	Rainbow Trout	Large Fingerling	5,170
Oneida	Perch Lake	Rainbow Trout	Large Fingerling	3,795
Oneida	Un Spring	Brook Trout	Yearling	500
Price	Butternut Creek	Brown Trout	Yearling	650
Price	Camp Four Springs	Brook Trout	Yearling	400
Price	Little Elk River	Brown Trout	Yearling	550
Price	Patterson Lake	Brook Trout	Adult (Broodstock)	200
Price	Patterson Lake	Brown Trout	Adult (Broodstock)	350
Price	Patterson Lake	Brown Trout	Yearling	3,680
Price	Patterson Lake	Rainbow Trout	Adult (Broodstock)	200
Price	Smith Creek	Brook Trout	Yearling	375
Price	Twin Lakes	Brook Trout	Adult (Broodstock)	100
Price	Twin Lakes	Brook Trout	Yearling	700
Vilas	Allequash Springs	Brook Trout	Yearling	160
Vilas	Fallison Lake	Brook Trout	Large Fingerling	1,118
Vilas	Little John Junior Lake	Brown Trout	Yearling	430
Vilas	Mielke Lake	Brook Trout	Large Fingerling	590
Vilas	Stormy Lake	Brown Trout	Yearling	3,332
Vilas	Wildwood Lake	Brown Trout	Large Fingerling	330

Data courtesy of Wisconsin DNR.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 136

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports trivia question per week, provided by Bob Skubal, retired coach, historian, and author of "History of Tomahawk Sports." Email leadernews@mmclocal.com if you know the answer!

The first person to tell us the correct answer each week will have their name published in the

paper if they wish, along with their correct answer to the question.

Week 135 question: Tom Doucette, a 1969 graduate of THS, went on to wrestle at which college after high school: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Marathon or UW-Superior?

Week 135 answer: Tom Doucette went on to wrestle at UW-Marathon.

Congrats to Don Stelter for being the first to correctly answer last week's question!

Week 136 question: The 1969-1970 Tomahawk basketball team was conference champions with a 15-5 overall record. Who led the conference in scoring that season: Terry Timm, Dana Kahle or Joe Draeger?

OPERATION DRY WATER

Increased presence of wardens, law enforcement to be seen on Wisconsin waters

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is advising boaters that they will see more DNR conservation wardens and area law enforcement on the water from Saturday, July 1 through Monday, July 3 as part of the national Operation Dry Water campaign.

Wardens and other participating law enforcement agencies will be educating boaters about safe boating practices across the country, which includes sober boating, according to DNR.

Alcohol use is a leading factor in recreational boating fatalities, and nearly 80% of fatal boating incidents involve drowning.

"Since Operation Dry Water started in 2009, law enforcement officers

across the nation have taken law enforcement action against 4,700 impaired operators, preventing dangerous and potentially devastating consequences," DNR stated. "If alcohol is involved in your day of boating, have a designated operator. Operating a boat is no different than driving a car."

"Boating while impaired continues to be a problem on our waterways," said Lt. Darren Kuhn, DNR Boating Law Administrator. "As law enforcement, it is our duty to ensure that recreational boaters, paddlers and anyone enjoying our waterways have a safe place to spend their time. The tragedies that result from these boating under the influence incidents are 100% preventable."

DNR said operating a vessel while impaired is illegal on all bodies of wa-

ter and can lead to serious injuries, death and legal consequences. In Wisconsin, it is illegal to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08 percent or higher.

"Operation Dry Water is a year-round boating-under-the-influence-awareness-and-enforcement campaign with the purpose of reducing the number of alcohol and drug related incidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the water," DNR stated.

Boaters can learn more about boating under the influence by visiting www.operationdrywater.org.

Operation Dry Water is coordinated nationally by the National Association of State Boating Law.



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Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

Sports Briefs

Tomahawk Community Fun Runs

The Tomahawk Community Fun Runs are now underway. Runners of all ages are invited, though runners under the age of 14 should be accompanied by an adult, as runners are not supervised. Runners meet at Veterans Memorial Park, where a description of the running route will be communicated. Runs typically occur Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., with occasional 7:30 a.m. Tuesday runs

from Sunset Point. View the Fun Run schedules at www.tinyurl.com/ybwukdjz. For more information about the Tomahawk Community Fun Runs group, visit www.strava.com/clubs/1066717.

Indoor track

The indoor track above the fieldhouse at the Tomahawk complex will be open Monday through Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool).

Water aerobics

Water aerobics will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Entry is through Door 18 (back pool door).

Morning lap swim

Morning lap swim will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool).

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and blacked-out areas.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excited movements
8. Soap opera actress Patsy
13. Unknowing
14. Dangerous mosquitos
15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
19. Military policeman
20. Touch softly
21. Wrap
22. A story of one's life
23. Midway between east and southeast
24. Toward the mouth or oral region
25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
26. Changes the meaning of
30. Semitic Sun god
31. Sneaker parts
32. Capital of Zimbabwe
33. Breezed through
34. Partner to pedi
35. Becomes less intense
38. Bottoms
39. Tested
40. Vistas
44. Take care of
45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
46. S. African political party
47. Cologne
48. Men
49. The Science Guy
50. Gospel author (abbr.)
51. Act of signing up
55. Human feet
57. A very short time

- 58. Streetcars
59. Cuplike cavities

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of pool
2. Malaise
3. Seasoned
4. A pair
5. Young male
6. Make a mistake
7. Experienced
8. It often accompanies injury
9. Old world, new
10. Commercial
11. Course of lectures
12. Promote
16. Female horses
17. Greek mythological figure
18. Small amount
22. Orthodox church altar
25. Actress Tomei
27. Excited

- 28. Looked directly at
29. Popular cold desserts
30. More reasonable
32. Disk above the head of a saint
34. Devoted to the extreme
35. Make an effort
36. It's in the surf
37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
38. Discounts
40. Cliff in Hawaii
41. Extremely wild person
42. All persons
43. Aromas
45. Popular kids' game
48. A difficult situation
51. Popular Georgia rockers
52. It's in all living cells
53. Unspoken language
54. "Talk to you" abbreviation
56. Influential lawyer

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Natural Connections: Professor Hike

BY EMILY STONE
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A roll of duct tape bounced along in my backpack, and a permanent marker poked out of my pants pocket as I strode down the trail. A group of 20 Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteers-in-Training ambled behind me. We'd had a challenging morning of botany and geology at Morgan Falls in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Lunch had revived us, and now it was time for the afternoon activity. Anticipation bubbled.

"During this activity," I explained, "you will each become a Professor of something in these woods."

While most of the group opened up their new nature journals to pass the time, I led my first "professor" a little ways down the trail. Maggie and I paused by a big log on the ground, and I asked, "How would you feel about being Professor Coarse Woody Debris?" She was game. I dug out the marker and tape as I explained that foresters use this term to describe fallen dead trees.

We looked at some punky places on the log where fungi were clearly doing their decomposition work, admired the moss growing in the spongy, water-holding material, and talked about death's roll in the ecosystem. "Ecologists often say that a tree is more alive when it's dead," I quipped.

Then, as I handed Maggie a strip of duct tape with her professor name written in black marker, she practiced teaching that same information in her own way. Satis-



The Museum's new director, Rich Jaworski, became Professor Advanced Regeneration during the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training earlier this month. He's taking the course to become more familiar with this area and the mission of the Museum. **Photo by Emily Stone**

fied with her grasp of the material, I waved at the group of remaining students, beckoning one forward.

"Hello, my name is Professor Coarse Woody Debris," Maggie introduced herself, and proceeded to teach Craig this little chunk of newly acquired knowledge, ending with a deep thought about how death provides the resources for new life. Then

Maggie stayed by her log and invited a new student forward, while I walked Craig down the trail to find a new professor topic.

We stopped by a cluster of little three-leaved plants. (No, not poison ivy!) "Professor Little Jack" I wrote on the duct tape, while I told Craig how Jack-in-the-Pulpit plants can take seven years or more to build up enough energy to finally

produce a flower. After expressing his amazement, Craig was ready to teach the next student.

Bit by bit I moved down the trail, finding something interesting for each new "professor" to teach about, while making sure that we were out of conversational earshot but within sight of the professor on either side.

I took advantage of the prolific Jack-in-the-Pulpit

flowers let my professors teach about them in easy chunks. After that first patch of just leaves, we found one of their unusual flowers. The outer part looks like a narrow pouch with a graceful rain awning, or an old fashioned church pulpit. Inside that spathe lives the preacher Jack. His part is played by the spadix—the spike that pokes up out of the pulpit structure. At the base of the spadix are tiny flowers, protected from rain by the curving hood of the spathe.

The next professor taught that young Jack-in-the-Pulpits begin by producing only male flowers, because those take less energy. After the leaves churn out enough photosynthesis, older plants eventually gain enough resources to produce female flowers, seeds, and clusters of scarlet fruits.

Down the trail, I left a line of Professors strung out like pearls of wisdom: Professor Virginia Creeper, Professor Habitat, Professor Native Honeysuckle, Professor Buddy Tree, Professor Tip-Up-Mound, and Professor Shade.

When I reached the final student and transformed her into Professor Scratch-and-Sniff at a sweet-smelling yellow birch tree, my job was done. Back in the woods, once Professor Coarse Woody Debris ran out of students, she became one herself, visiting all 19 other professors along the trail. The line folded back on itself.

The activity ended with big smiles and rave reviews when we gathered at the trailhead for our wrap-up. Everyone had loved being a student. They were bursting with the delight of fun facts

and chunks of information that they could actually remember and were excited to share. Plus, each Professor was proud of how their talking points had been practiced, polished, and perfected over the many repetitions. The shy students were relieved that these small bits of public speaking felt very manageable.

Over the years, I've found that this Professor Hike activity is very effective at connecting students to nature. What's been a surprise, especially as I lead it with adults instead of sixth graders, is how wonderful it is at connecting people to each other as they teach and learn.

I chuckled during the wrap-up when a student exclaimed, "Maybe you should bring back the duct tape so we can all be professors again tomorrow!" I chuckled...as I tucked the roll into a handy spot in my backpack.

To find out more about the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program, visit www.wimasternaturalist.org/ or give Emily a call!

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elf Skimmer*, is available to purchase at www.cablemuseum.org/books and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Our new exhibit: "The Northwoods ROCKS!" is open now! Our Summer Calendar of Events is ready for registration! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and www.cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.

DNR seeking public's help to prevent spread of invasive species

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WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive, nonnative plants and animals in woods, waters and land year-round.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Some have already been found in Wisconsin, while others pose a large risk of surviving and causing problems if they are introduced and established here.

The state's invasive species rule (www.tinyurl.com/ekt7c35y) makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. The regulations designate which species are Restricted or Prohibited based on factors including the degree of harm they may cause to people, the native ecology



DNR is asking the public to take simple precautions to avoid spreading invasive, nonnative plants and animals in woods, waters and land year-round. **Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR**

or the economy.

How to help

To prevent the establishment and spread of invasives, the DNR offers the following tips:

- Hikers and campers should clean mud and dirt off their shoes and remove seeds and burs from their clothing before visiting other places. This can prevent moving inva-

sive plants to new areas via seeds that may be on clothing or in the mud or dirt.

- Firewood is a significant pathway for the movement of many inva-

sive insects and pathogens, such as emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt disease. To help protect the state's trees where you live, play or camp, use local firewood to avoid moving pests to new places.

- Anglers and boaters can help protect vulnerable areas from aquatic invasives, such as quagga and zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil, New Zealand mudsnails and Asian clams by cleaning recreational equipment and gear after every use. Inspect gear for dirt, mud, seeds and other debris and remove as much as possible.

- Drain all water from gear before leaving a site and wash it with 140-degree water or steam to remove invasives too small to see. Drying gear for five or more days between uses also helps destroy invasive organisms. For more information, check the DNR's aquatic invasive species webpages (www.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/).

- Gardeners are encouraged to plant and promote beautiful native plants that can benefit pollinators, birds and other wildlife or traditional gardening plants that are noninvasive. The DNR's Plant Native Plants webpage (www.tinyurl.com/3y2dxtmz) is a great informational resource to help get started.

- Gardeners can also look for and remove potential problem plants, including purple loosestrife, hairy willow herb, butterfly dock, yellow iris, nonnative phragmites (common reed), lesser celadine, water hyacinth, water lettuce and frogbit.

- Report invasive species at www.tinyurl.com/ynsez2n5. Early reports help the DNR respond quickly and control invasives before they spread to new areas.

Visit the DNR's invasive species webpages (www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives) to learn more ways to prevent invasive species from establishing in Wisconsin.